

terrified nor enraged & if His Ldp will only leave matters to my
management I flatter myself I shall have it in my power to serve him
as well as myself & be able to pass my time agreeably enough. You
confess I have often repented that I quitted the 20 Reg^t to come to America
but as I cannot it seems now hope to get into the Army again on a good
footing I shall endeavour to make the best of my condition & am in hopes
that if my Lord only does me Common Justice I shall in a few Years
after the End of the War which has been a very expensive One to me be
in Circumstances to live where I list in Case I should then quit this
Govern^t. These hopes make me decline Thoughts of Solliciting by You
means the Govern^t. You mention which I am apt to think tho by Your
Account it is much more lucrative than this is not upon the whole more
desirable; the Climate is said to be more unhealthy & the Inhabitants
of at least as bad Principles, indeed many of them are Emigrants from
the other Colonies & vast Numbers of them Convicts retired from Virg^a
& this Province; and tho there may be some that one would be willing to
converse with yet I am satisfied they are much fewer in Number there
than in this Part of America which hath been long settled. If therefore
You are of Opinion that I stand a fair Chance of being continued here
five or six Years longer I would not have You say any thing more to
the Ld President or Ld Halifax concerning the Gov^t of S Carolina
nor recommend me for it in Case of the Death or Removal of Mr Dobbs
who is I understand on ill Terms too with his Assembly for what Reason
I know not.) I think myself much obliged to You for the Trouble You
have already taken in behalf of the Officers who commanded the Mary-
land Troops & the Commissary that Victualled them if Your Endeavours